

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 511

By McNally

A RESOLUTION to commend Lisa Held Janke for her honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as the 2007 Statesman of the Year for the Second Congressional District.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Lisa Held Janke, the 2007 Statesman of the Year for the Second Congressional District, is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of William and Frieda Held, Lisa Janke is a third-generation entrepreneur who learned the value of political involvement through her business operations that are based in her native Monroe County; and

WHEREAS, throughout her exemplary tenure as owner and president of Short Bark Industries, the largest employer in Tellico Plains, Mrs. Janke has distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to her community; and

WHEREAS, a leader in job creation in Monroe County for sixteen years, Lisa Janke also serves as President of the Monroe County Boys and Girls Club; and

WHEREAS, shortly after being named one of *Business Tennessee* magazine's "40 under 40," Mrs. Janke took on the new challenge of Republican activism; using the same tactics that made her successful in business, Lisa Janke has risen with great success in the political realm; and

WHEREAS, she has participated in the Volunteer State Series of Excellence in Public Service, which was a national Republican Women's Leadership Development program; the series included year-long training, culminating with a visit to Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Lisa Janke's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to her reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and her uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Janke is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and she epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, her many accomplishments aside, Lisa Janke is fortunate to share both love and companionship with her husband, Michael Janke, and two children, Meghann Cannon and Hailey Janke; and

WHEREAS, Lisa Janke is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Lisa Held Janke for her honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee as the 2007 Statesman of the Year Second Congressional District and salute her unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.